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TO: COMMERCIAL SCUP INDUSTRY

FROM: VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

RE: CLOSURE OF VIRGINIA'S 2016 SCUP SUMMER PERIOD

Effective 12:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), Friday, May 13, 2016, the 2016 Scup Summer Period, that allocates quota to be harvested between May 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016, will close. Based upon landing reports from Virginia seafood buyers and the National Marine Fisheries Service, it is projected that Virginia will have caught 100% of the Scup Summer Period Quota by the above date and time.

Therefore, after 12:00 A.M. on May 13, 2016, the possession or landing of scup (porgy) in Virginia by any commercial gear shall be prohibited. In addition, it shall be unlawful for any buyer of seafood to receive scup until the Winter II season opens on November 1, 2016. (Chapter 4 VAC 20-910-10 et seq.).

If you have any questions or comments please contact Jill Ramsey: at Jill.Ramsey@mrc.virginia.gov or (757) 247-2243.

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